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BVARC JUNE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

7:30 PM, Thursday, June 12, 2008

Sugar Land Community Center, 226 Matlage Way, Sugar Land, Texas

Multiple Presentations

Field Day 2008 Happenings -- Mike Hardwick

Solar Cycle 24 Update

What do you want out of BVARC ? – general discussion

Come and play – “Ham Radio” Trivial Pursuit game (with prizes)



FIELD DAY 2008 - JUNE 28 & 29

Once again, we will have Field Day at the Rosenberg Fireman's Training Center.
See detailed article in this newsletter.

MAY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our May 8th meeting was well attended by about 40 folks at the Community Center. After a short business meeting, chaired by our president, Frosty, K5LBU, the attendees were treated to and well entertained by a great antenna presentation -- “The 5 Tennas”. Presented by 5 BVARC members, John Whiteman, K5LKJ; Larry Jacobson, K5LJ; Dave Barber, K5NDB; Rick Hiller, W5RH and Robert Polinski, KD5YVQ, the presentations, in a mini-seminar format, covered the design building and deployment of a loaded dipole, a W8JK phased array, the Moxon rectangle, a full wave delta loop and a 4 element HF yagi installation.



Part of the enthralled crowd



The featured presentation



John Whiteman, K5LKJ, talking about his 75M shortened antenna

President's Message

Hello fellow members of BVARC,

It is time to put some more words down on paper for our publisher John, who does a very good job of putting together the news letter. Thank you for all of your hard work, John.

OK, so down to the business at hand.

Coming up this month is a very important weekend for the club. We all know that it is time to make a big showing for FIELD DAY and Mike has been working very hard on getting things put together. He still is looking for members to help out and do some great operating. Recruit some of your fellow hams to be a part of the teams. We could use some extra CW operators as Allen and John could use some rest from time to time. We'll need more phone operators also. I think that we will have several stations set up. We look forward to Mike giving us the full BVARC FIELD DAY scoop at the meeting on June 12th.

I will be there to operate one of the stations on 20 and 15 phone along with 40 and 75 meters. Bill will have his 10 meter station and so come on out June 28th -29th and help us win our section.

The next great thing going on is the work that Bill, Pete and Mike have been doing on the digi repeater set up. Things are moving right along with that project from getting bids for the equipment to a location to install it at. Keep up the good work guys.

Thanks to Rick and the crew for the great program on antennas at the last meeting. Great job guys. Now folks have some new ideas to work with for their stations.

It was great to see so many at the last meeting and I hope we have a larger group this month. Rick will be running the meeting as I will be in Plano for the Ham Fest. I will also be gone for the July meeting, as will be operating from C91, Mozambique, for those who don't chase DX. Hope to work some of you from there on the bands. We are a group of four from here in the states, one from 9M6 land and several from RSA(ZS). There will be a station set up for EME and Satellite work. So, hope the bands are in good shape from the 16th of July through the 30th.

I did not meet this gentleman, but saw his car at Kroger's. If any one knows him we need to invite him to a meeting. His call is WD8IBQ and he does live in Missouri City. If I get a chance after school is out, I will try to go by his house and meet him.

Well, the breakfast group at the 59 Dinner is doing well. We all seem to be alive and very well fed. So, come join us on Saturday mornings at 0700 if you can get up that early. If not, at least think about us, as we might be thinking about you or might even be talking about you.

Has anyone worked any DX? If so, put it on paper or email to John (K5IZO) and tell him what you have been working. Or did you play around in some contest like John and Ross did the CQWWWPX cw contest the weekend of May 23-24-25? Tell us all about it guys how many stations/countrys/prefixs and points you have. There was a 20 meter opening to Europe Monday the 26th around 1600-1700cdt with strong signals. Anyone work any body?

Stay cool if you can and see you at breakfast.

73
Frosty

K5LBU/C91CF

FIELD DAY – JUNE 28 – 29

The 2008 ARRL Field Day is less than 4 weeks off. Several organizational meetings have been held and the long lead items are taken care of. The next organizational meeting will be held on Saturday, June 14 after the regular BVARC breakfast. There are many ways to participate besides as an operator. But as always we need operators! To participate in any way, contact Mike Hardwick, N5VCX at n5vcx@worldnet.att.net or call him at 713-826-6917. Randy Pollard, AK5G, will be coordinating **food** this time. **Come and enjoy!** More details will be given at this month's general membership meeting,

BVARC Historical Vignettes – Field Day Revisited

Allen Mattis N5AFV, Club Historian

One of the reasons I began writing the Historical Vignettes column was to record and preserve the history of BVARC. The club newsletters from the past do not always provide accurate information. The Historical Vignette column for last month summarized BVARC's participation in ARRL Field Day for the last 29 years and was primarily based on information from club newsletters. A number of sharp-eyed club members who have been in BVARC for many years caught an error in my article and called it to my attention.

The error had to do with flooding of the picnic shelters at Bear Creek Park which affected BVARC's Field Day two different years. Over the years BVARC has scheduled the club's Field Day operation at Bear Creel Park six times, but flooding caused the field day site to be changed at the last minute two of those years. The club newsletter did not record the change of location for one of those years. One of those years the club was able to get into Katy County Park on short notice, and the other year Doug Holley, KE5SR, hosted BVARC's Field Day at his residence along the Brazos River. The problems and inconvenience associated with these last minute changes of the Field Day location resulted in the club finding other locations rather than risk being flooded out again at Bear Creek Park.

BVARC ARRL Field Day Sites, 1979-2007

Location	Number of Years
Fort Bend County Fire Department Training Center	6
Katy County Park	6
Bear Creek Park	4
Brazos Bend State Park	4
Fort Bend County Fairgrounds	3
Missouri City Fire Station	2
Doug Holley Residence	1
Bay Area Park	1
Eason Ranch	1
George Bush Park	1
Total	29

Though the error in the Field Day locations was not a serious issue, it does bring out an important point. BVARC leadership and the club as a whole has been able move quickly and come up with alternate Field Day plans on short notice. This is what ARRL Field Day and emergency communications are all about. We should all be proud of our club's accomplishment of participating in ARRL Field Day for 29 consecutive years. This year will be the 30th year of BVARC's participation in Field Day and it will be the 7th year our club has held its Field Day operation at the Fort Bend County Fire Department Training Center. Will you be there to see and participate in history in the making?

I especially want to thank BVARC past presidents Betty Zermeno, KA0TEN, and Doug Holley, KE5SR, as well as long time BVARC member Claude Sessions, K5HFY, for their assistance in correcting the record regarding BVARC's past Field Day operations

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Minutes of May 1st, 2008 Board of Directors meeting of the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club:

Charles Frost called the monthly Board of Directors meeting for the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club to order at 7:10 PM on May 1st, 2008 at Fudrucker's, 11445 Fountain Lake Drive, Stafford, TX.

Attending were: Charles Frost, K5LBU; (Pres.); Arnold Knoche, K5ADA (At-Large Dir.); Sid Sherwood, N5ZXD (Treas./Cor. Sec.); Peter Sauermilch, KD5QPX (Rec. Sec.); Bill Stone, WS5H (At-Large Dir.); Rick Hiller, W5RH (At-Large Dir.); Norma Stone, KE5NDN; Cameron Mitchell, K5CAM; Randy Pollard, AK5G; Mike Hardwick, N5VCX; David Barber, K5NDB.

- 1) Minutes for the April 2008 meeting were approved as they appear in the May 2008 newsletter.
- 2) Treasurer's Report was not presented to the Board, printer problems. Treasurer did announce that Fort Bend County Fairground Committee sent the deposit refund from the hamfest to the wrong address. Check should be forth-coming.
- 3) Old Business: Nothing presented.
- 4) General Membership Meetings:
 - a) May: Antennas
 - b) June: Main Event will be devoted to Field Day, power point presentation.
 - c) July: Digital Month, PSK & Software Defined Radio
 - d) August: Ice Cream Social and Video night
 - e) September: ISS Photo Show
 - f) October: TBD
 - g) November: Elections and Chili Night
 - h) December: Homebrew 'Contest'
- 5) New business:
 - a) Board voted to give a lifetime membership to Betty Zermeno, KA0TEN; widow of KK5W; in deference for her assigning her husband's call, KK5W to the club.
 - b) Field Day: Next organizational meeting will be Saturday, May 10th, after the regular BVARC Saturday Morning Breakfast.
- 6) Other Business:
 - a) Frost told the digital repeater committee to move forward on acquiring equipment and putting a station in place. The club has received a grant for such purpose.
 - b) Pollard announced that he has installed KK5W as a call-look-up on QRZ.com. He gave the site password to the board.
 - c) Pollard gave BVARC a gift of undisclosed size.
- 7) Meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Peter Sauermilch, KD5QPX

The Ongoing Apprenticeship

by
Bill Stone – WS5H

THIS segment of the NEWS LETTER is for Members to SHARE some of their TIPS and Projects with the club so PLEASE send in your Reports to our News Editor.

Some Simple Make Shift Throw Together ANTENNAS.

I still remember racking my brain searching the web and studying Catalogs on Antennas. My first HF setup for 20 meters was a pair of Hamsticks set up as a dipole, well it got me on the air BUT...only so much can be done with Hamsticks. My experience with the NEW Carolina Windom gave remarkable results with a minimum of time and material invested. The basic set up (40 meter) is 41 ft. of wire to a 4:1 Balun and 25 ft. off the other. A 10 ft piece of RG58U coming down from the Balun (The Vertical Part of the WINDOM for a more dome radiation Pattern) feed into a line isolator. It will be resonate (NO tuner unlike the G5RV) on 10,15,20,and40. On 15 mine was a bit HIGH on SWR 1.5 and 40 was good from CW and digi portion to about 7.225 SSB guess I could have spent more time trimming the Windom. By all means make your own line Isolator as it's so simple and cheap. If the 4:1 Balun looks challenging to Home Brew, Buy one good for a KW as they cost about the same as the 300 Watt max one. You never know when you might be exciting an Amp in your Shack. For the most simple How to on this Windom google QRP Expressions [final - 1].pub The down side of this setup is it's a little NOISY, my first DX with the New Carolina Windom was YU1XA SERBIA 4-21-07 and that was not going to happen on a pair of Hamsticks on 20 at my shack. Next the Antron 99 vertical is what those CBers swear by. These antennas are everywhere. I got one new in the Box at a garage sale for \$20.00. It was marketed one time with the Radio Shack Logo and does state 10 or 11 meters. This vertical has tuning rings for SWR. If you set the rings as high as possible and you can achieve useable SWR from 2800-28500 or trim the top section of the fiberglass rod about 1 inch at a time and bring the tune rings down to about center for best results for 1.1 to1. When N8S Swains Island was working I heard them on 12 meters on the Antron 99. I crossed my fingers and gave it a try, SWR's at 2.3 to 1 YIKES!! Called out twice and on the 2nd try CONTACT it's in their Log! This got me thinking so...Unscrew the top fiberglass section off a A-99 and replace it with a 108 inch whip, Set the tune rings in the center of the tuning radius and its 1.1 to1 through the whole 12 meter band—Humm so old CB Stuff can be used to create Ham Band Antennas. I look forward to your tips submitted to our newsletter and hope to CU at FIELD DAY 2008 WS5H Bill

Coming Up

Tour de Braz Bike Ride Sunday 8 am June 8, 2008 Alvin, Texas

<http://www.alvintexas.org/tdb/index.shtml>

Bike ride in the Alvin/Highway 35 area starting at 7:00 am and ending at approximately 5:00 pm.

Needing 20 operators to provide communications for break points, medical and SAG vehicles for event support.

Operators will meet at Alvin Restaurant at 1109 West Hwy 6 at 2nd Street at 5:30 am for maps, tee shirts and final event information.

Talk-in and event will be on the 145.11 repeater (minus offset, 123 tone).

If more information is needed please feel free to call me at 713-826-6917

Thanks,

Mike Hardwick, N5VCX. Communications Coordinator

Katy Flatland Century Bike Ride Sunday 7 am July 20, 2008 Katy Mills Mall, Katy, Texas

<http://www.northwestcyclingclub.com/club/rides/kfc.html>

Bike ride in the Katy/Interstate 10 area starting at 7:00 am and ending at approximately 5:00 pm.

Needing 20 operators to provide communications for break points, medical and SAG vehicles for event support.

Operators will meet at Denny's on Fry road just north of Interstate 10 at 5:00 am for maps, tee shirts and final event information.

Talk-in and event will be on the 444.075 repeater (plus offset, 103.5 tone).

If more information is needed please feel free to call me at 832-654-9583

Thanks,

Dave Scott, WD8RZA, Communications Coordinator

Monday Night NET Updates

Don't forget the Monday Night Public Service Net starts at **8 pm**, 145.47 (PL -123.0). The order of check-ins start with mobile units first then fixed stations. If you have something for the net, make sure you let Net Control know about it when you check in. We are looking for Net Control Operators. Contact any officer of BVARC if you are interested. Here are recent check-ins with control-ops:

3/3 - 27 - Cam, k5cam	3/31 - 20 - Sid, n5zkd	4/28 - 20 - Pete, kd5qdx
3/10 - 22 - Sid, n5zkd	4/7 - 20 - Cam, k5cam	5/5 - 24 - Cam, k5cam
3/17 - 14 - Bill, ws5h	4/14 - 31 - Bill, ws5h	5/12 - 32 - Bill, ws5h
3/24 - 19 - Pete, kd5qpx	4/21 - 14 - Marni, ke5msd	5/19 - 13 - Marni, ke5msd

THE BVARC Rag Chew Net
Late March through Mid April 2008 check-ins
3910 KHz +/-3KHz Wednesdays at 7:00pm, John Whiteman, K5LKJ, Net Coordinator

04/23/08- K5LKJ (NCS), K5CEK, K5LJ, KJ5SS, W5UHZ (Beaumont), KE5SR, WS5H, KC5JAR, NU5L (Temple), K5NDB, W5RH, K5LBU, KZ5I, AA5OA, K5JWM, K5HFY, KD5YOU, WB5PNL. (18 check-ins)

04/30/08- K5LKJ (NCS), N5CPA, KJ5SS, K5CEK, KE5SR, K5LBU, N5AFV, KD5TEF (College Station), K5NDB, W5RJA (Schulenburg), W5HNS (Huntsville), K5LJ, W5RCP (Putnam), KB5ION, WS5H, W5RH, KA5MEI, K5IZO, KD5YVQ, AA5OA, WB5PNL, WA5FMK, KD5YOU, K5MDL (Hot Springs, AK)
(24 check-ins)

05/07/08- K5LKJ (NCS), K5CEK, K5LBU, W5RH, K5NDB, WS5H, W5UHZ (Beaumont), N5CPA, K5JWM, KE5SR, K5IZO, W5RCP (Putnam), AA5OA, K5LJ, W5RJA (Schulenburg), K5HFY, AF5T, WB5PNL, KD5YVQ, KC5JAR, KD5YOU,
(22 check-ins)

05/14/08- K5LKJ (NCS), KJ5SS, K5NDB, W5RH, WS5H, W5UHZ (Beaumont), N5UOA, K5LBU, N5CPA, AA5OA, K5IZO, WB5PNL, K5LOT, KC5JAR, K5JWM, AF5T.
(16 check-ins)

05/21/08- K5LKJ (NCS), KJ5SS, K5LBU, K5CEK, K5NDB, WA5FMK, KC5JAR, W5UHZ (Beaumont), N5CPA, WB5VWB, K5HFY, K5LJ, K5GDR (Rye), WS5H, KE5SR, WB5PNL, W5RH, KD5YOU. (18 check-ins)

Thanks.

Regards._

K5LKJ



HAM RADIO CLASSES

Instruction for obtaining your Ham Radio License from the FCC

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Technician License Class (Level I)

June 3 - 24

Tuesday & Thursday Evenings - 6:30pm-9:30pm

Technician License Class (Level I)

September 2 - 24**

Tuesday & Thursday Evenings - 6:30pm-9:30pm

(**no class 9/11 - class on wed 9/10 instead)

General License Class (Level II)

October 1 - 28

Tuesday & Thursday Evenings - 6:30pm-9:30pm

All Classes held at:

GHAC Main Chapter Building

2700 S.W. Freeway - Houston, TX 77098

[--click for map link--](#)

INFO

There will be 7 class sessions, the 7th and last class session will be a ARRL VE Testing session to take the actual FCC test to obtain your license. The classes will be using the ARRL Ham Radio Licensing Manuals as the textbook for the class. Discounted books will be available for purchase at the first class session or you may use one that you already may have. The books retail for about \$24.95. Loaner textbooks will be available for the duration of the class but must be returned to ECHO at the November 13 test session. The registration fee will be used to offset cost for copies and materials used in the class and is collected at the first class session.

Registration

Registration - \$20

Textbook - \$20 (if you do not already have one)

loaner books available

checks payable to "Houston ECHO Society"

To register contact Charlie Matthew - N0XFD at n0xfd@yahoo.com or leave a message at 713-313-5319.

Preregistration is recommended to insure a spot is saved for you in the class. Walk-ins on the first day of class only will be accepted provided there is available space in the class.

Successful AMSAT Activities at 2008 Greater Houston Hamfest

by Allen F. Mattis, N5AFV, AI.MATTIS@total.com



AMSAT was well represented at the Greater Houston Hamfest (GHH) held March 1, 2008 at the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds in Rosenberg, Texas. The GHH is the fastest growing hamfest in Texas and this year the GHH hosted the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) South Texas Section Convention and the Texas VHF-FM Society General Winter Meeting. Coy Day, N5OK, the ARRL West Gulf Division director was the featured speaker, and West Gulf Division vice director Dr. David Woolweaver, K5RAV, also attended. The GHH had all of the usual hamfest activities including tables for vendors and individuals, a tailgate area, Amateur Radio related exhibits, VE testing sessions and QSL card checking for the ARRL DXCC and VUCC award programs.

Bruce Paige, KK5DO, AMSAT Director of Contests and Awards, and Marty Smith, WD5DZC, ably manned the AMSAT booth. Will Thomas, N5ESA, conducted a very successful satellite demonstration during a west pass of AO-51. George Carr, WA5KBH, and Allen Mattis, N5AFV, operated receiving stations within the crowd of 65 onlookers so that everyone could hear the bird. Immediately after the satellite pass, Allen Mattis, N5AFV, presented a talk entitled "Working the OSCAR Satellites with Simple Equipment" that was attended by 25 people. George, WA5KBH, and Will, N5ESA, assisted at the presentation by helping answer questions.

The Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club (BVARC), organizer of the hamfest, fully supported the AMSAT activities by giving away a Kenwood TH-D7A HT, Arrow antenna and duplexer as the second prize at the hamfest. The Greater Houston Hamfest Steering Committee received many favorable comments from attendees regarding the AMSAT activities.



Figure 1: Entrance to the 2008 Greater Houston Hamfest.



Figure 2: Bruce Paige, KK5DO, AMSAT Director of Contests and Awards and Marty Smith, WD5DZC, at the AMSAT booth.



Figure 3: ARRL West Gulf Division director Coy Day, N5OK, (left) and West Gulf Division vice director Dr. David Woolweaver, K5RAV, (right) visit with Allen Mattis, N5AFV, AMSAT Area Coordinator, at the AMSAT Booth.



Figure 5: George Carr, WA5KBH, at satellite demonstration with Will Thomas, N5ESA, in left background (Photograph provided by Doug Holley, KESSR).



Figure 6: George Carr, WA5KBH, answering questions at AMSAT technical presentation.



Figure 4: View of Greater Houston Hamfest main floor from AMSAT booth.



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**RESULTS OF THE May 13th
B-VARC AMATEUR EXAMINATION SESSION
by: John Moore, KK5NU**

B-VARC sponsored and administered the ARRL's Amateur Radio Examination session that was held on Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at HCC's Scarcella Technology Campus here in Stafford.

MEMBERS OF THE VE TEAM:

Jeff Fussell, KD5VGE
Larry Jacobson, K5LJ
John Moore, KK5NU
George Ontko, KM5VP
Jack VanDemark, WN5A

Five examination elements were administered during the evening to five applicants. Two upgrades to General and three upgrades to Amateur Extra class were attained; with the total number of elements passed being 5. The overall "pass rate" for the evening was 100%.

Congratulations to the following who attained a license and/or passed an exam:

Carl S. Hacker	- KB5LDY	- Amateur Extra
Robert W. Hall	- KF5BOB	- General
Darrell G. Kirk	- KC5JAR	- Amateur Extra
John A. Knoche	- K5ADA	- Amateur Extra
William J. McNally	- K5YDO	- General

Many thanks to all the Team Members and Assistants who volunteer their valuable time and effort each month.

All of us at B-VARC again thank everyone at HCC Scarcella Technology Center for making these excellent classroom facilities available to us for our exams each month.

..... 73X



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Club Happenings:

General Meeting

Second Thursday each month,
Sugar Land Community Center,
226 Matlage Way

Board of Directors Meeting

First Thursday of each month,
Sugar Land Community Center,
See the website.

Volunteer Examiner Program

BVARC administers Amateur License
Exams on the 2nd Tuesday of each month
at the HCC Scarcella Technology
Campus, 10141 Cash Rd. in Stafford.
Contact John Moore, KK5NU
jwm@hal-pc.org

Eating Schedule

Third Friday Dinner at 7:30 p.m.
Location announced in text of this edition.

Rag Chew Net

3910 KHz +/-3KHz Wednesdays
at 7:00 p.m.

Public Service Net

Monday night on 145.47 (PL 123.0) at
8:00 PM

BVARC EATING SCHEDULE

SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFASTS:

59 DINER, 7:30 a.m., SW Freeway, outbound feeder road, near Kirkwood
New York Coffee Shop, 7:30a.m., 9720 Hillcroft, in Houston.

THIRD THURSDAY DINNER: June 19, 7:30p.m.,

LAFAYETTE CAJUN SEAFOOD RESTAURANT, 10829 W. Bellfort at
Wilcrest, in Houston.

UPCOMING FEATURED PRESENTATIONS

June – Meeting Agenda

General BVARC meeting

Multiple Presentations

Field Day 2008 Happenings -- Mike Hardwick

Solar Cycle 24 Update

What do you want out of BVARC ? – general discussion

Come and play – "Ham Radio" Trivial Pursuit game (with prizes)

July – (Also running this meeting)

An Evening of Digital Delights -- a look at digital mode radios and
operations

August – (Also running this meeting)

Ice Cream Social and Ham Radio videos

Sept -- Open

Oct -- The History of Ham Radio Looking Through Our Favorite Magazines

Nov – Chili Supper, Elections and Ham Radio video night

December – Home Brew Night (with prizes)

Upcoming Hamfests

(within 200 miles of Houston)

Hamfest info for the next few months. More information at:

<http://www.arri.org/hamfests.html#listing>

Ham-Com 2008

13-14 Jun 2008

Ham-Com; Plano & McKinney Amateur Radio Clubs

Plano Centre

[2000 East Spring Creek Parkway](#), Plano, TX

Talk-In: 147.18 (PL 107.2)

<http://www.hamcom.org/>

Texas City Hamfest

8 am to 2 pm Saturday, July 12, 2008

Doyle Convention Center, Texas City

<http://tidelands.org/2008hamfestinfo.htm>

Over 100 inside tables with tail gating outside.

Transmitter Hunt food and lots of prizes. Visit webpage for more info.

Austin Summer Fest & Texas State Convention

Friday and Saturday, August 1st & 2nd, 2008

Wyndham Garden Hotel, Austin

<http://www.austinsummerfest.info/>

Will be held at the Wyndham Garden Hotel at 3401 south IH-35 near
highway 71.

Talk-in 149.940 (minus offset, no tone)

Contact: Joe Makeever, W5HS w5hs at arri dot net 512-345-0800



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Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club (BVARC) was organized in 1978, primarily as an emergency communications group available to assist the communities of Missouri City and Stafford when required. Since that time, **BVARC** has grown and expanded its activities to become the most active amateur radio club in the Southwest Houston and Fort Bend County area. BVARC is a Non-Profit Corporation classified by IRS as 501-(c)-(3).

Today **BVARC** is truly a general interest amateur radio club with an impressive record of public service. The American Radio Relay League (ARRL) has recognized the club's commitment of service with the coveted status of Special Services Club. We are proud of our members who represent some of the finest in amateur radio. Membership is not limited to licensed operators, but is open to anyone with an interest in amateur radio. Club meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Sugar Land Community Center, 226 Matlege Way. General membership dues are \$20.00 per year, with student dues \$10.00 per year, additional family members \$2.00 per member per year and life membership \$160.00.

BVARC also administers amateur radio license exams on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Houston Community College's Scarcella campus in Stafford. A Public Service Net is held each Monday at 8 p.m. on the 145.47 (minus offset, PL 123 tone) repeater & a rag chew net is held each Wednesday at 7 p.m. on 3910 KHz +/- 3 KHz.

To obtain information about joining **BVARC** or its activities, contact the club's "Elmer," Ross Lawler, W5HFF at 281-342-3340 or w5hff@yahoo.com or see the BVARC website: www.bvarc.org

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FIRST CLASS POSTAGE

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Multiple Presentations

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FIELD DAY – June 27 & 28.

If your mailing label is highlighted in color, it's time to renew your membership!